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2. IN WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LARGE TO MASSIVE
TURNOUT JAMAICAN VOTERS WENT TO THE POLLS TODAY TO ELECT
A NEW GOVERNMENT. REPORTS INDICATE THAT MOST PEOPLE VOTED
EARLY, APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT HAD CAST THEIR BALLOTS
BEFORE 12 NOON. IN SOME AREAS VOTING WAS DELAYED BECAUSE
PRESIDING OFFICERS FAILED TO SHOW. INSUFFICIENT BALLOTS
WERE RECEIVED, INTEGRITY MACHINES MALFUNCTIONED, ETC. BUT
THE DAY THAT MANY FEARED WOULD BE CHARACTERIZED BY
VIOLENCE AND MAYHEM IS PASSING ALMOST UNEVENTFULLY. ONLY
A FEW REPORTS OF STOLEN BALLOT BOXES BOGUS BALLOTS OR
STRONGARM TACTICS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. SECURITY FORCE
PERSONNEL WERE MUCH IN EVIDENCE AND THEIR PRESENCE NO
DOUBT CONTRIBUTED TO THE CALM. BUT THE ORDERLY
QUEUEING OF THE POPULATION EVEN THOSE WHO HAD TO WAIT
SEVERAL HOURS FOR THEIR POLLING STATIONS TO OPEN,
INDICATES THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE JAMAICAN
ELECTORATE WAS DETERMINED TO VOTE. AND TO VOTE PEACEFULLY.
THE DAY IS NOT OVER AND MORE VIOLENCE COULD STILL REAR ITS
HEAD BUT IT APPEARS UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME. AS PRIMIN
MICHAEL MANLEY SAID DURING A NOON PRESS CONFERENCE.
(SEPTET) "JAMAICA HAS A DEMOCRATIC TRADITION OF WHICH
IT CAN BE PROUD."
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